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WORKSHOP ON GENOMICS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an EU-India Workshop on Genomics and Biotechnology for Health was co-organised during April in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The India-EU Workshop, attended by 90 Indian and 10 European scientists, deliberated on mutually agreed topics namely, (a) Functional Genomics including proteomics and systems biology; (b) Biotechnology for health including plant biotechnology and nutrigenomics` and (c) Major diseases - Complex disorders including cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and neuropsychiatric disorders; & Infectious Diseases including HIV, TB, Malaria, Entamoeba hystolytica & Leishmania.

The Workshop allowed Networking of European & Indian research community across industry, national laboratories and academia, helping them to have an overview of research going on in India & Europe on selected topics. It facilitated dissemination of European Commission Expected Call for Proposals in Life Sciences, Genomics & Biotechnology for Health, allowing submission of collaborative research projects, as well as to identify on-going European research projects in which lateral entry of Indian scientists/research institution will be beneficial.

(c) The Government fulfilled its promotional and facilitating role of connecting research scientists from India and Europe as well as encouraging collaborative research projects on topics of national importance.